

**DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM
FOR
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES
FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY**

Gateway Army Ammunition Plant

**FUDS Property Number B07MO0997
City of St. Louis, Missouri**

FINDINGS OF FACT

The former Gateway Army Ammunition Plant (GAAP) property originally consisted of 14.86 acres located on 6703 Southwest Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. It consists of two parcels separated by the River Des Peres Drainageway. One parcel, located south/southeast of the River Des Peres Drainageway in Lots D, F, G, and H of Buchanan's Subdivision in U.S. Survey 2037, encompasses 11.96 acres. This parcel is bounded to the south by the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway (train tracks), on the north/northwest by the River Des Peres Drainage, on the east by a private business, and on the west by Southwest Avenue. The second parcel, encompassing 2.90 acres, situated in Lots C and D of Buchanan's Subdivision in U.S. Survey 2037, is located west of the River Des Peres Drainage and is bounded by Southwest Avenue to the south, the Abbott Ambulance Company to the north, the River Des Peres Drainageway to the East, and Abbott Place (formerly Ecoff Avenue) to the west.

Initially the property was acquired by the Defense Plant Corporation for the construction of Plancor 1672, a heavy armor castings plant. After World War II, the plant was declared surplus and placed in the National Reserve in 1947. Subsequently, the plant was assumed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, which on 27 June 1950 transferred the property to the General Services Administration (GSA). GSA transferred the property to the Department of Defense (DOD) on 01 November 1953. The plant was reactivated and renamed as the St. Louis Army Steel Foundry and manufactured armor castings for tanks. The plant operated until 1954 and was on inactive status from 1955 to 1967. The facility was leased during 1962 to the Universal Marion Corporation for commercial purposes. In 1967, the plant was renamed GAAP and reactivated to manufacture 175 mm shells until 1971 when it was placed on layaway status for long-term storage.

In 1982, the property was referred to GSA for disposal. On 03 December 1985, the 2.90-acre parcel was transferred by GSA to the current owners, Bannes-Shaughnessy, Inc. On 17 December 1986, the 11.96-acre parcel was transferred to Southwest Avenue Industrial Properties, Inc. The date of GSA conveyance for the 11.96-acre parcel was after the 17 October 1986 Formerly Used Defense Sites Program eligibility cutoff date.

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DETERMINATION

Based on the foregoing findings of fact the 2.90-acre parcel has been determined to have been under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Defense and owned by, leased to, or otherwise possessed by the United States prior to 17 October 1986. This property is therefore eligible for inclusion into the Defense Environmental Restoration Program -Formerly Used Defense Sites established under 10 USC 2701 et seq. Based on the foregoing findings of fact the 11.96-acre parcel is ineligible because it was transferred out of the ownership of the Secretary of Defense after 17 October 1986.

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